

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1629
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BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people living below the poverty line in various States during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) the details of the areas where more than 40 per cent people are living below the poverty line, State-wise; and
- (c) the guidelines proposed to the Tenth Five Year Plan for development of these areas on priority basis?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & MINISTERS OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level from the large sample surveys on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The two latest such surveys were conducted in 1993-94 (NSS 50th Round) and 1999-2000 (NSS 55th Round). The state wise percentage and number of people living below the poverty line for the years 1993-94 and 1999-2000 are given in Annexure I.

(b) Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli have more than 40 percent of the people living below poverty line in 1993-94. Whereas in 1999-2000, Bihar and Orissa are the only states which have more than 40 percent of the people living below poverty line.

(c) Tenth Five Year Plan is under preparation.

Annexure For LS Unstarred Qn. 1629

ANNEXURE - I

Number and Percentage of People Below Poverty Line

	1993-94		1999-2000	
	No. of	% of	No. of	% of
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
	(Lakhs)	(Lakhs)		
1. Andhra Pradesh	153.97	22.19	119.01	15.77
2. Arunachal Pr.	3.73	39.35	3.98	33.47
3. Assam	96.36	40.86	94.55	36.09
4. Bihar	493.35	54.96	425.64	42.60
5. Goa	1.91	14.92	0.70	4.40
6. Gujarat	105.19	24.21	67.89	14.07
7 Haryana	43.88	25.05	17.34	8.74
8. Himachal Pr.	15.86	28.44	5.12	7.63
9. Jammu & Kashmir	20.92	25.17	3.46	3.48
10. Karnataka	156.46	33.16	104.40	20.04
11. Kerala	76.41	25.43	41.04	12.72

12. Madhya Pradesh 298.52 42.52 298.54 37.43
13. Maharashtra 305.22 36.86 227.99 25.02
14. Manipur 6.80 33.78 7.19 28.54
15. Meghalaya 7.38 37.92 8.23 33.87
16. Mizoram 1.94 25.66 1.85 19.47
17. Nagaland 5.05 37.92 5.49 32.67
18. Orissa 160.60 48.56 169.09 47.15
19. Punjab 25.11 11.77 14.49 6.16
20. Rajasthan 128.50 27.41 81.83 15.28
21. Sikkim 1.84 41.43 2.05 36.55
22. Tamil Nadu 202.10 35.03 130.48 21.12
23. Tripura 11.79 39.01 13.02 34.44
24. Uttar Pradesh 604.46 40.85 529.89 31.15
25. West Bengal 254.56 35.66 213.49 27.02
26. A & N Island 1.06 34.47 0.82 20.99
27. Chandigarh 0.80 11.35 0.51 5.75
28. Dadra Nagar Hav 0.77 50.84 0.33 17.14
29. Daman & Diu 0.18 15.80 0.06 4.44
30. Delhi 15.51 14.69 11.49 8.23
31. Lakshadweep 0.14 25.04 0.11 15.60
32. Pondicherry 3.31 37.40 2.41 21.67
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All India 3203.68 35.97 2602.50 26.10